

Who is INOBAT?

The "Battery disposal interest grouping" brings together some 130 member companies from the production, import and trading sectors. On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN, INOBAT levies the advance disposal fee (VEG) which consumers pay when they purchase batteries and accumulators. INOBAT uses this fee to finance the collection, transport and recycling of used household batteries and to arrange information and promotional measures for commerce and the population.



On TV and posters: humorous advertising for battery disposal.

Remember: professional disposal of battery-powered toys is also essential.

Please return them to the point of sale after use.

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Further information at www.inobat.ch

On the INOBAT website you will find information, hints, links and an informative film about the use and correct disposal of batteries and accumulators.

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Correct disposal of batteries



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Used batteries and accumulators have no place in the refuse bin. The law requires each and every one of us to take them back to the



point of sale or to a different collection location. Why? Correct recycling enables toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, lead or mercury to be separated from ordinary refuse. It also enables valuable raw materials to be recovered.

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Batteries and accumulators are part of our everyday life. In all shapes, sizes and compositions they give us the benefit of stored energy. We buy them separately, e.g. as household batteries in the usual bar form or integrated



into appliances, e.g. as a button cell in a watch or an accumulator in mobile phones, laptops or digital cameras. In Switzerland, 3,700 tonnes of batteries and accumulators are sold in retail outlets every year.

Around two-thirds of them are returned for subsequent recycling. But one-third disappear with the household refuse. A great pity!



The purchase price includes disposal

Every consumer who buys batteries and accumulators is automatically entitled to their correct disposal. The purchase price includes an advance disposal fee (VEG).

Return is simple and free of charge

The retail trade is required to take batteries and accumulators back. In other words, you may return them free of charge to the point at which you purchased them. In Switzerland alone, this means that there are over 12,000 collection points: retail trade, department stores, photo, electronic and mobile phone outlets, post offices, kiosks or filling station shops. In many places further collection points are made available by the local authorities.



Return sticker, battery bag, battery box: everything you need for battery disposal.

A second life for the recovered resources

Used batteries and accumulators are sent to the Batrec AG recycling plant at Wimmis (www.batrec.ch).



Here they are taken apart in a multi-stage mechanical and chemical process. The metals recovered in this way – especially zinc and ferro-manganese – are sold to industry as raw materials for reuse.

